

**State of Alabama
Workforce Investment Act
Waiver Request**

Eligible Training Provider List

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA), as the State administrative entity for the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), is requesting a waiver of restrictions on the establishment of the **Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL)** required under WIA. The ETPL, a potentially great vehicle for providing information to customers about training providers, has not lived up to its potential. Making ETPL rules at the State level is much closer to the providers and will allow for regional issues to be taken into consideration. The increased flexibility would be most valuable.

This waiver request adheres to the format identified in WIA Section 189(i)(4)(B) and WIA Final Regulations at 20 CFR Section 661.420(c).

1. Statutory Requirements to be Waived:

WIA Section 122(d) requires the annual submission by training providers of program information on all individuals participating in an applicable training program. This has proven to be an overly burdensome requirement. If performance information were required only for WIA-funded program participants, the collection of information would be much less burdensome and the requirement would be much easier to comply with.

2. State or Local Statutory Barriers:

There are no existing state or local statutory or regulatory barriers to implementation of this waiver request.

3. Goals of the Waiver and Expected Programmatic Outcomes:

This waiver will make provision of consumer information less burdensome and will still provide information that is valuable to the consumer. Problems with this provision are widespread in WIA and are certainly present in Alabama. This waiver would allow us to provide helpful information to potential trainees without being overly burdensome.

4. Description of the Individuals Impacted by the Waiver:

This waiver would impact those customers who are eligible for WIA training services in that it would provide them with information about performance results for WIA-funded individuals in a given training program. This information is very valuable to the consumer. Information about the entire group that has gone through

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training, regardless of funding, would also be valuable, but it has been extremely difficult to acquire. Confidentiality issues come into play when acquiring social security numbers of non-WIA participants. which compound the difficulty.

5. Description of the Process to Monitor Waiver Program:

The ADECA Workforce Development Division will monitor the progress of the waiver through maintenance of the ETPL system, of which we are the administrators of the Internet web site. We add to and delete from the list as dictated by policy, so we will be able to monitor the process fully at all times. The State-level policy on the ETPL will be changed to accommodate this change in policy.

6. Opportunity for Local Boards to Comment on the Waiver Request:

This waiver request was discussed at the May 29, 2003 State Workforce Investment Board Executive Committee meeting, at which local area representatives were invited guests. We will further transmit a copy of this waiver request to each local area and request their comments. Any comments will be forwarded to the Department of Labor within 30 days.

7. Public Comment on the Waiver Request:

In addition to discussing this waiver request at the May 29 State WIB Executive Committee meeting, a public notice will be published to ensure the opportunity for comments. The waiver request will also be posted on the ADECA web site at <http://209.192.62.174/>. Any comments received will be forwarded to the Department of Labor within 30 days.